

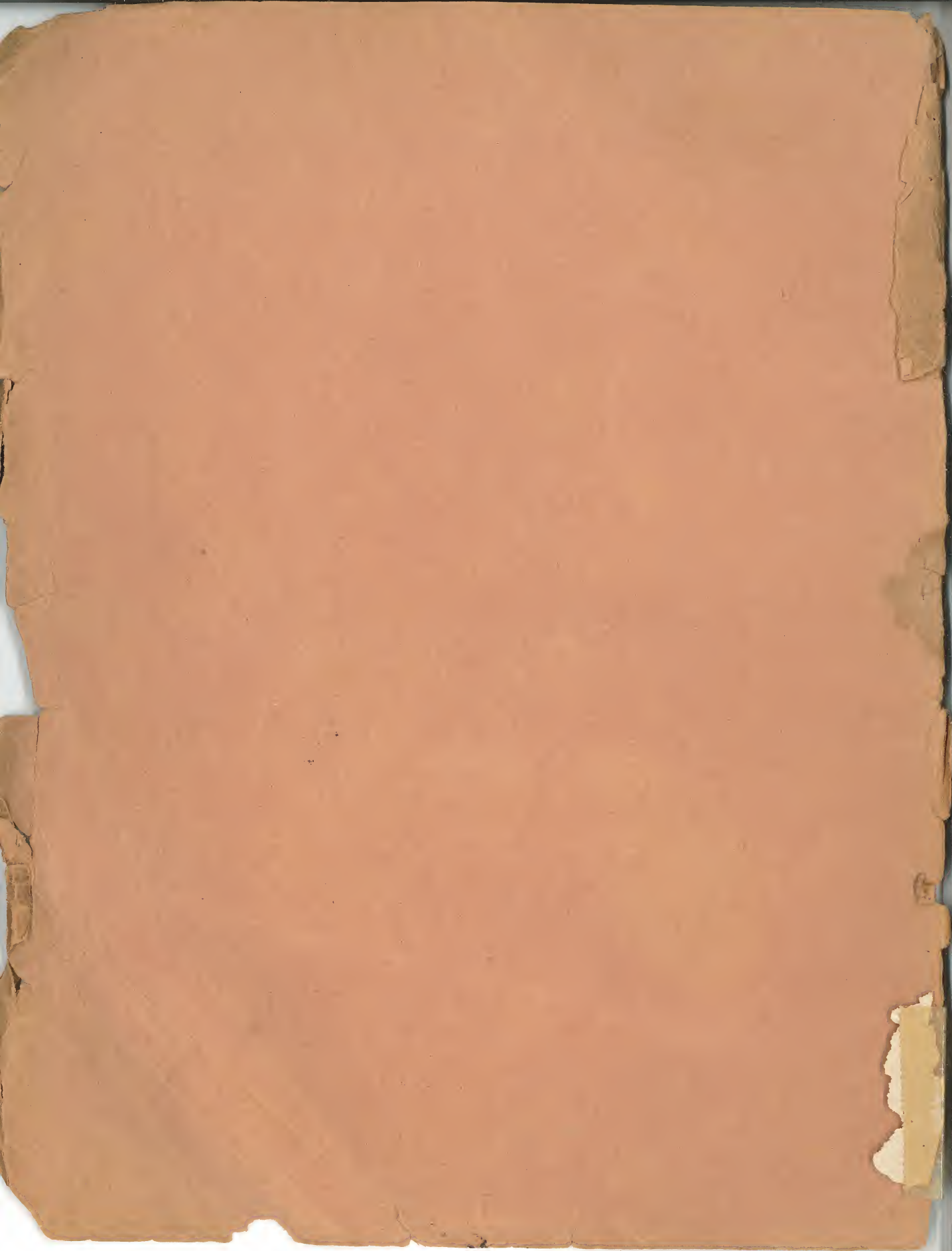
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FOREWORD

The purpose of this book is to bring before the people, in a brief way, the colored professional and business men and women, who are striving onward, and whose lives and endeavors are worthy of emulation.

These people are making history and we have attempted to give in a concise manner, short sketches.

Editors

The majority of photos in this book were taken by Mr. T. R. Thompson.

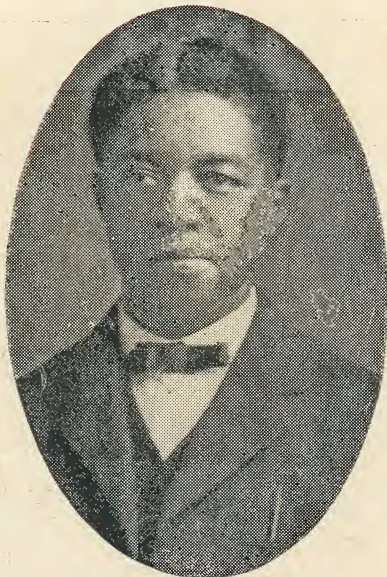
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Mr. Thompson is one of central Illinois best known and most energetic young men and occupies a high place in the business and social affairs of Springfield because of his business ability and integrity and his admirable traits of character. Mr. Thompson was born an educated at La Grange, Mo. and came to Springfield during his early manhood. He worked hard always watching for opportunities to better himself which he was quick to see and as quick to seize upon. Having, by careful investment and abstemious habits acquired sufficient means, he went into the Grocery business with his brother, James Edward, under the firm name of Thompson Bros. Grocery Co. Retiring from the Grocery business, he became head employee at the Golf Club. But Mr. Thompson's special fitness is for the business world and yielding to his inclinations, he became Supt. of the Springfield Agency of the Federal Casualty Co., of Detroit, Mich. Under his supervision the business has grown by leaps and bounds and Mr. Thompson has been complimented repeatedly by the Home Office on his splendid showing.

Mr. Thompson is one of the best photographers in the city and is above the average as a crayon artist. He is Commissary Quartermaster of the Second Battalion, 8th Inf., I.N.G., and is recognized as a thorough master of his military duties. He is a member of the Union Baptist Church of this city; M. F. Capital City Lodge No. 12, K. of P., and is Prest. of the Culture Club, where he presides with dignity and conspicuous ability.



A. Morris Williams

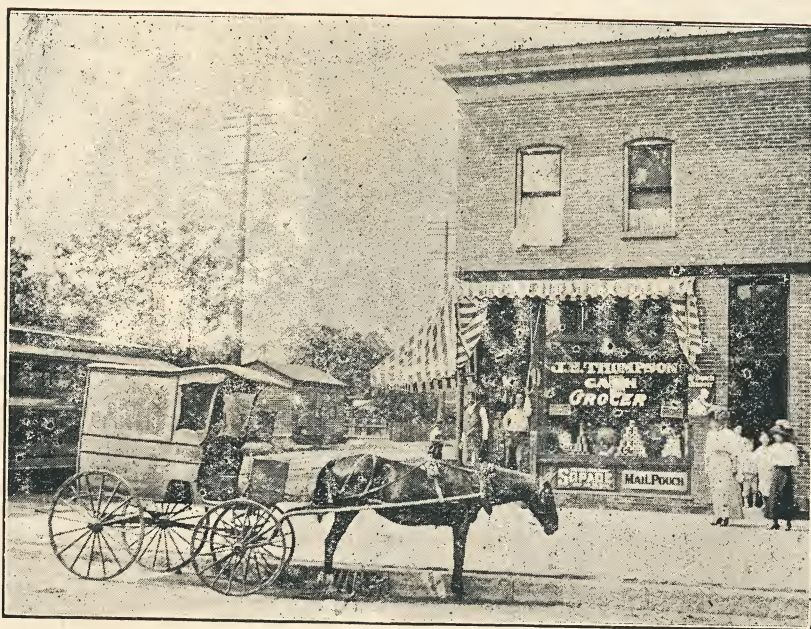
Attorney A. Morris Williams who hails from the Old State of Virginia, is an ideal business man, imbued with thrift, energy and progress. He came to Springfield in 1902, and has been the financial and industrial stimulus for the Negro, not only in Springfield, but in many adjoining Illinois towns.

Since his arrival, it can be truly said that he has been steadily pressing onward and upward, leading a throng of business and laboring men with him, he has proven to be a business prodigy. Beginning the real estate business at a time when such business was "Latin" to colored people, he has built more houses than all colored men combined—many of his deals were so large, managed and prosecuted so well that the business tact and ability startled some of the old established white real estate men who possessed "plenty of money".

Three of the largest and best brick buildings in the city: the Masonic Temple and the two Williams buildings, were built by the subject of this sketch. He has built many residences over the city and gives more employment to colored men than any colored man in the county.

Feb. 1904, he began the study of law in the Harlan law class, completing the course, and later took a special course at Ann Arbor Mich.; took the State Board examination 1907, and has since practiced in connection with his realty and insurance business. He organized the Enterprise Loan and Saving Company and after operating successfully for three years, organized the Enterprise Bank, which is the second colored Bank to be opened in the State.

Mr. Williams is interested in several local enterprises and is connected with several fraternal orders. With his manifold business interests, he finds time to lend his assistance and presence at his Church, the Union Baptist.



James Edward Thompson is a born business man with all of the qualities of a commercial leader.

Mr. Thompson was born at La Grange, Missouri, May 13, 1867. He worked and attended the public school of his native city. He was well liked being intelligent, industrious and a well mannered boy. Teachers, lawyers and congressmen are numbered among his early friends. The lad came to Springfield in 1882. He worked for prominent people and attended High School. He was a fine student always a good mathematician and a winner of Cratorical prizes.

After leaving School he Railroaded a number of years meeting and obtaining the good will of the highest R. R. magnates. "Thompson" as all called him was a great favorite with traveling men. Leaving the road, Mr. Thompson worked several years as messenger at the Rolling Mill. He proved himself a valuable man and had a decided liking for the grocery business. The Mill shutting down Mr. Thompson returned to railroading he having previously married a most excellent lady, Miss Laura Bradford.

This young woman proved a help-mate indeed. She is a fine manager, energetic and frugal, she has been right by her husband's side, and they have prospered. Mr. Thompson often gravely remarks, that he owes all to "Monk" (the wife) and "Daisy" (the little bay mare). He says he has just been "lucky boy."

12 years ago, J. Edward Thompson leaving the wheel barrow in the brick yard, began in the Grocery business. He started at 806 E. Washington Street at the bottom of the business, on a basis of sound character of good ability and determination, having a known reputation for truthfulness, honesty and business shrewdness. Obstacles of course have placed themselves squarely in his path, but he surmounted them all.

J. E. Thompson is a dignified, christian gentleman of fine literary ability, and an enthusiastic member of the National Negro Business Men's League, having attended all the meetings of the League. He is an admirer of Booker Washington.

If you ever visit the Capital of Illinois, you will have pointed out to you, the modern Grocery Store of J. E. Thompson, located at 1101 E. Washington Street.



The above lady is a brilliant business woman. She possesses Millinery genius. After studying the trade in Cincinnati, she went to New York City where she had charge of cutting and fitting department of a firm in the great Metropolis. Leaving New York she went to Cincinnati, Ohio conducting a business of her own. From Cincinnati, she came to Springfield, Ill. to take position as Supt. of the Dress-making department of Ambidexter Institute. After the closing of the School, Mrs. Clark returned to the East, but she again returned to the Capital of Ill. and opened most fashionable Millinery Parlor at 1103 East Washington Street. She has employed several of the most proficient of dress fitters and cutters.

Madam Clark is of a pleasing personality and takes delight in pleasing her many patrons.

Mary Francis Penn Clark was born at Charleston W. Va. Her father Edward Penn was a prominent business man in easy circumstances.



Lawrence Memorial Room, Old Folks Home, Springfield, Ill.

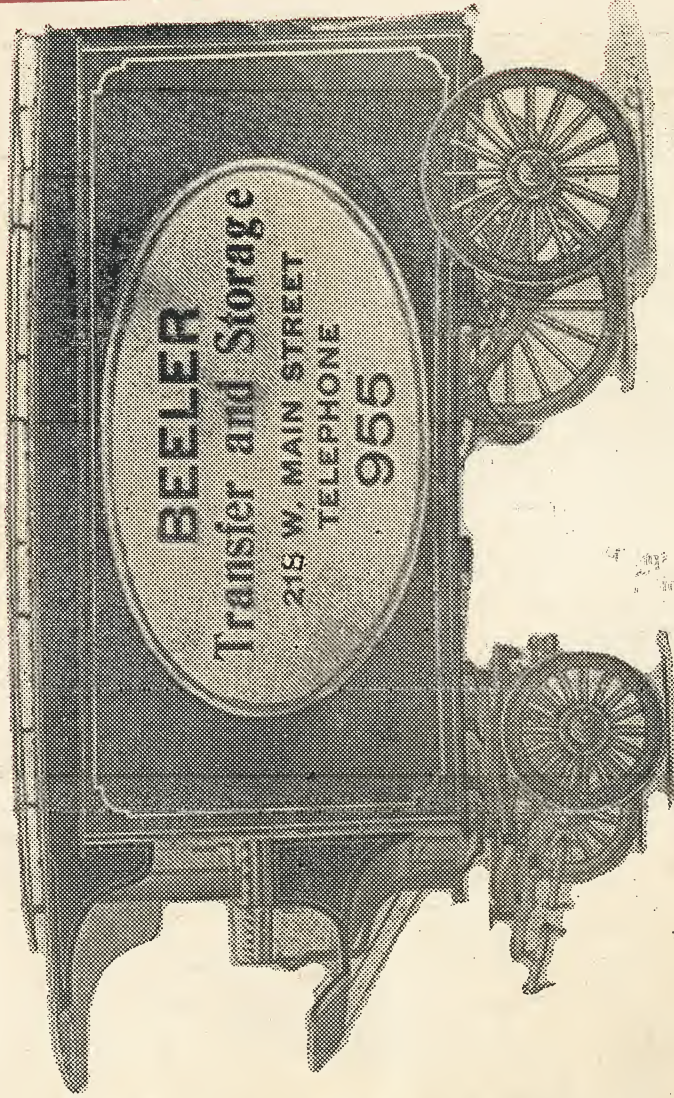
The above picture shows one of the mammoth moving vans owned by Wm. Beeler, one of the most progressive young men in the State, and a man whom the colored people of Danville have need to be proud.

Mr. Beeler has 5 moving vans and several other wagons and drays, giving employment to 8 men, thereby causing 8 families to make a livelihood from the existence of this enterprise.

His business office and barn are located in the Central portion of the city, within a short radius of all depots. His wagons handle freight for 40 firms. The amount of business done annually totals over \$9,000.

Mr. Beeler is highly respected by the white as well as the colored people, being a most congenial and amiable young man. Mr. Herman Kersey, is book keeper and has been with Mr. Beeler about five years.

Mr. Beeler is married and has a most estimable wife and baby, and lives in his beautiful home on North Robinson Street.



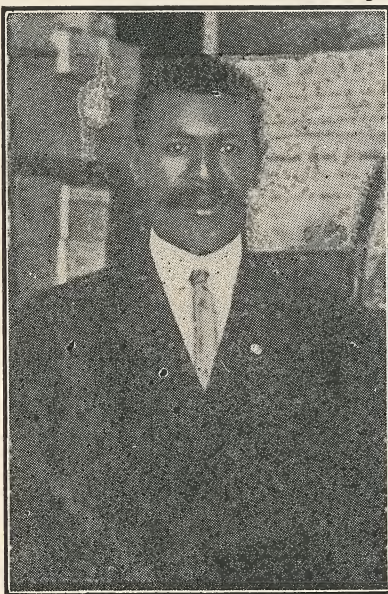
Capt. R. A. Byrd enjoys the distinction of being the first colored man to hold a clerical position in the State House, having been appointed by Gov. Deneen, as clerk in the Insurance Department six years ago, and is now one of the chief clerks of that department.

He is Captain of Co. I, of the Eighth Illinois National Guard, which is stationed at Quincy, and has held the position since the initial organization of the Troop, and is popular with his men.

Being a born scholar, and active progressive member of the U. B. of F. fraternity, it was but natural that he was chosen Sec'y. of the Mutual Aid Department of this organization.

On the organization of the Enterprise Savings Bank, he was chosen as one of its directors. Capt. Byrd is well known throughout the state as a political satellite and has been the right hand man of Governor Deneen for three campaigns. Four years ago he handled the Afro-American end of the Republican campaign throughout the state.

Capt. Byrd is enterprising and progressive and a race champion in every sense of the word. He has extensive realty holdings in Quincy and Springfield, Illinois.



This is J. P. Roberts the shoe dealer, who is making good. Mr. Roberts opened a shoe repairing shop about five years ago consisting of a set of tools, \$12.00 worth of leather and shoe makers supplies, one half dozen pair of second hand shoes and two chairs. Total capital invested less than \$25. With push and by sticking to the job, with persistent effort and honest dealings, inch by inch, and step by step, the little shop has grown to a representative shoe and notion store, with hundreds of pairs of shoes of all grades, valued from 40c to \$6 per pair.

The Roberts Shoe Store is patronized by all races and is talked about for its neatness by everybody who visits.

He will repair your old shoes, making them as new; make new shoes to order, any size, quality or style; from 6 to \$12 a pair, guaranteed for two years. Visit the store or call, Bell phone, 3914, and be fitted at your home. Store, 1717 E. Capitol Ave.

Mr. T. W. Warrick one of our most prominent young men was born in Kentucky about 36 years ago and moved to Cairo Ill. in his youth where he attended the public school and obtained a practical education. He is instinctively a business man having engaged both in the printing and grocery business in Cairo. Later he was connected in newspaper business and became active in political work being precinct committeeman and working assiduously for the success of the republican state and National tickets from 1896 up to the present time. Mr. Warrick took interest in the election of the state congressional and National tickets in 1904 1908 and was a leading spirit in carrying Alexander Co. for the cause. As a reward for his faithful and important services he was appointed as clerk in the Insurance dept. at the Illinois

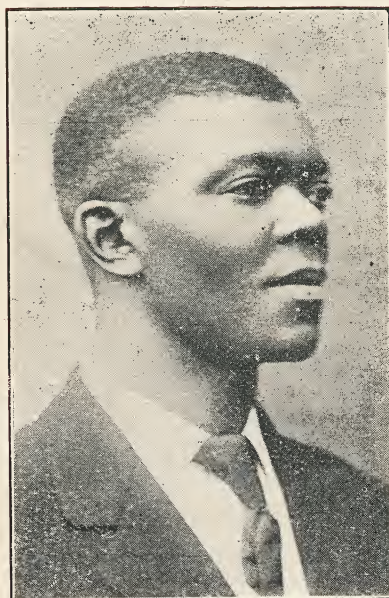
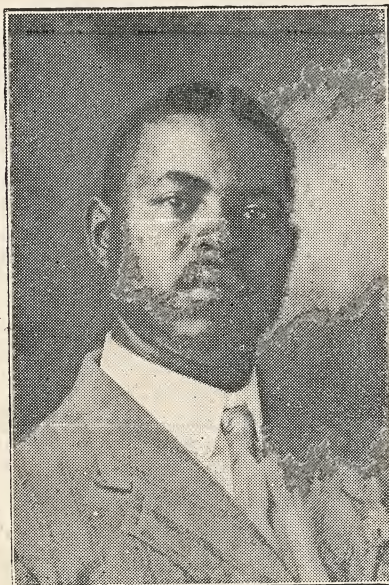


Photo by T. R. Thompson

state house about 7 years ago and has the distinction of being the best penman in the Capitol building holding the position of certificate and record clerk. He has a beautiful modern home here in Springfield and is energetic persevering and frugal, is an active member in high rank in the U. B. F., and K. and D. of T., a prominent church and S. S. worker being Supt. of Pleasant Grove Baptist Sunday School and member of church. He is well liked by all who know him and an example of the ideal young men worthy of imitation and emulation.



Mr. Robert P. Taylor is a native of Paris, Ill., but political fortunes have made him a sojourner in the Capital city, being employed in the State Museum.

Mr. Taylor is a popular, energetic young man who is gradually forging ahead in the march of progress.

He is a thorough race man and is always found doing his utmost to further the interests of all race enterprises.



This is a very good likeness of Dr. A. H. Kenniebrew, Proprietor and Surgeon, in charge of The Home Sanitarium, 323 West Morgan St. Jacksonville, Illinois. A private Hospital, very home like especially fitted for diseases of stomach, women and general surgery. All graduate registered nurses. Inspection invited This Sanitarium was organized in the month of May, A. D. 1909, for the practice of surgery, with one trained nurse. It now has three nurses and one assistant physician. The records of the Sanitarium show that 212 operations have been performed by Dr. Kenniebrew and out of these, but four deaths have occurred.

Among these operations were two of the most difficult known to the Surgical world, viz: upon the lungs in which parts of the lobes (the lower left, in the one and the upper right, in the other) were removed. These operations have proven to be something rare in surgery; only four other such operations having been performed in the United States.

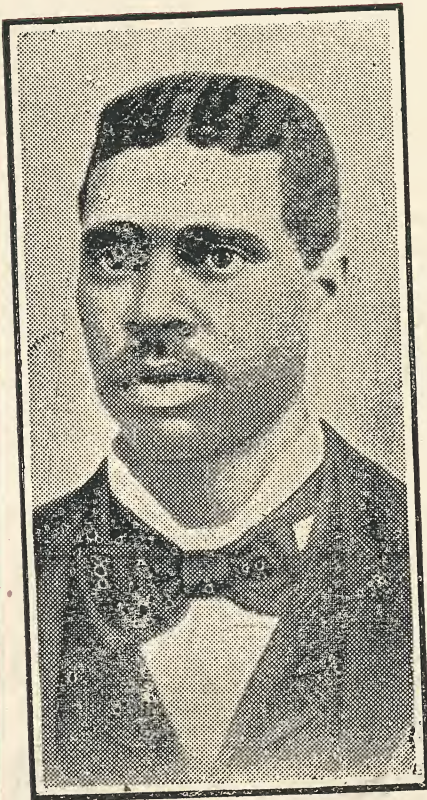
Ninety-five per cent of the patients are white from all parts of Illinois and other states. The Doctor is frequently called to other cities for operations. At present the Sanitarium has but nine beds but Dr. Kenniebrew is planning to build an up to date modern structure in the near future. Dr. Kenniebrew was formerly Ass't. Surgeon in the Freedman's Hospital, Washington D. C. under Dr. Dan H. Williams the race's greatest surgeon, during 1896-7. He was also Chief surgeon at Booker Washington's School for five years from 1896-1902 and has Dr. Washington's highest recommendation and approval. His success is considered excellent.

Doctors William Bell, L. Agnew and Geo. C. Coleman have received training under Dr. Kenniebrew in the Sanitarium.

Dr. B. H. Lawrence, graduate of Tuskegee and Leonard Medical College is now assistant to Dr. Kenniebrew.

Miss Jane C. Turner Head nurse is a modest capable young lady of education refinement and splendid physical charms. She is a graduate of Lincoln Hospital New York City 1909 and was in charge of the operating room of the same for three years. She is a most helpful addition to the Home Sanitarium. Miss Z. C. Richardson, graduate of Tuskegee Institute Hospital and Miss Ella Hamilton of Chicago are the other nurses on the staff.

Dr. Kenniebrew has been in Jacksonville for 10 years where his standing is far above the average for the length of time he has been there. He owns valuable property and pays taxes on an assessed valuation of \$10,000.



Mr. J. M. Mosby

Mr. J. M. Mosby is a native of Quincy, Ill., and has been employed in the State House for the past eight years under the Secretary of State.

Mr. Mosby is President of the Enterprise Savings Bank, the only Negro Bank in the State, exclusive of Chicago, and was elected President on the organization of the bank.

He is Treasurer of the Mutual Aid Department of the U. B. of F. of Ill., and has held this office for several terms, which he has filled with honor to himself, as well as reflecting credit on the Lodge that choose him.

Being naturally industrious, and by using economy, he has amassed considerable valuable property.

Mr. Mosby is a church man and commands the respect of all classes of both races.

Dr. N. B. Ford *Physician and Surgeon*

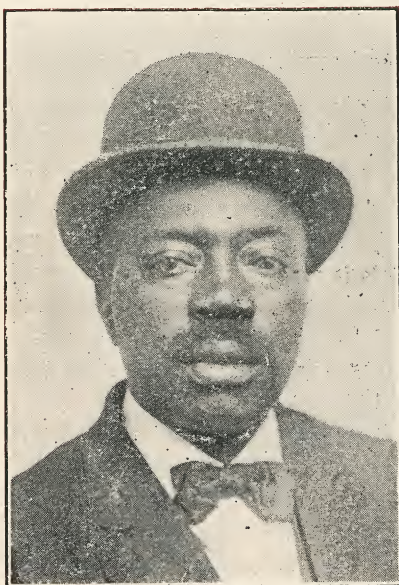
one of Springfield's most progressive young men, who is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

He came to Springfield in the year 1909 and from a most genial disposition, business tact and medical ability, has established a large and lucrative practice; won the confidence and esteem of all the people and is steadily progressing.

He is among the youngest physicians in the city, and the youngest among the colored physicians.

The Doctor is courteous, obliging and attentive to business—it is these indispensable traits that have and are, building for him, not only a good name, but a large clientele.





Mr. A. B. Orendorff

Lincoln

One of the leading blacksmiths of Logan County, a promising young business man, whose future is good.

Mr. Orendorff has the respect and confidence of the leading white people of the city and with them his word is his bond.

He does a large volume of business annually, employing three men, regularly. 99 per cent of his custom is white.

He has a beautiful home on East Broadway.

Miss Izora Rogers
Lincoln, Ill.

Miss Rogers is prominent in the social circle and teacher of the junior class of the A. M. E. Sunday School; president of Allen Christian Endeavor of the Springfield District.

Miss Rogers is a "typo" of no mean ability, and worked on the Metropolis Gazette, a weekly colored paper.

Miss Rogers is very popular and enjoys a wide circle of friends.





Miss Anna Mae Perkins

An industrious promising young lady, who is book keeper and office girl in the office of Coleman and Rhodes, white physicians, having been in their employ for five years.

This is a good record and the position is one that is not commonly held by colored girls. The stenographic work of the office is done by her.

Miss Perkins is a church worker and Sunday school teacher and has been organist of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church for several years. She is very popular in Lincoln and adjacent cities.

Miss Lucille Louise Duke

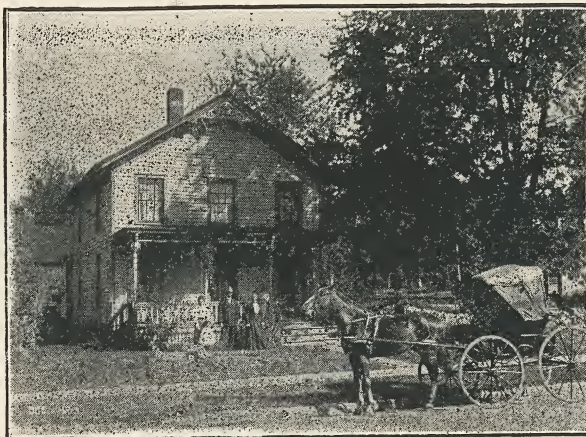
Of Lincoln Ill., a prominent young stenographer and book keeper, who is employed in the offices of Drs. Brown and Ewing, the leading white physicians of the county, which position she has held for the past seven years.

Miss Duke takes special pride in church work, being a member of the A.M.E. Church, and was recently elected Dist. Sec'y. of the Illinois A.C.E. League.

Miss Duke is Supt. of the primary department of Allen Chapel Sunday School and is a zealous and ardent worker, held in high esteem by all the members and people in general.

She recently finished a special course in stenography in the Lincoln Business College and is able to fill a creditable position.





*Residence and Family of Dr. Eugene G. Covington,
Bloomington, Ill.*

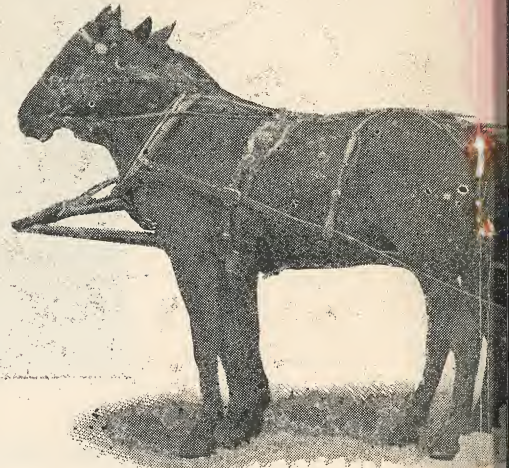
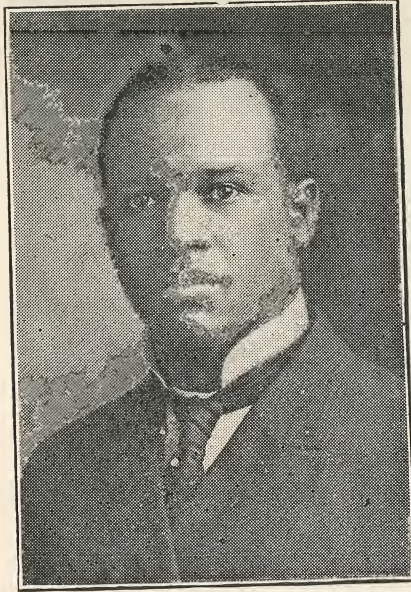
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Mr. and Mrs. Anderson
Proprietors

*Tonsorial Artists,
Hair Cutting A Specialty*

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS



Henry Rhoden was born at Clinton, Ala., the 8th day of May. His schools were very limited, on account of parents being poor. The schooling was between the ages of 8 and twelve years. At the age of 12 he was the family. He obtained a position on a farm which he held up to 1885.

He decided to better his financial condition and moved 12 miles from Eutaw, Ala. He secured a position in a hotel, at that time a place in the dining room as a dish carrier. The proprietorship was given to Rhoden. Later he was placed as waiter and worked for Alabama for Chattanooga, Tenn., and he there made application for a porter. He succeeded in securing a position, and later asked to be promoted.

While he was in the employ of the Pullman Co., running to Knoxville, Tenn. On the 13th day of April, 1893, the couple were united in marriage. Five years, a child was born to the family. On the 8th of April, 1898, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

February, 1899, he left Cincinnati for Chicago, Ill. with his wife. His father died. 1901 he secured a position as porter on the Chicago & North Western Railroad. He attended the Chicago Post Graduate College to study the Art and Science of Business.

July 24, 1904, Mr. Rhoden came to Springfield, Ill. and opened a business. He placed his business in a commendable position, and gained the respect of the community. He purchased a balance, Funeral car and first call buggy, all of which add to the credit of the business. He is now, Bell phone 1950, Interstate 1950, 116 North Second Street, Springfield, Ill.

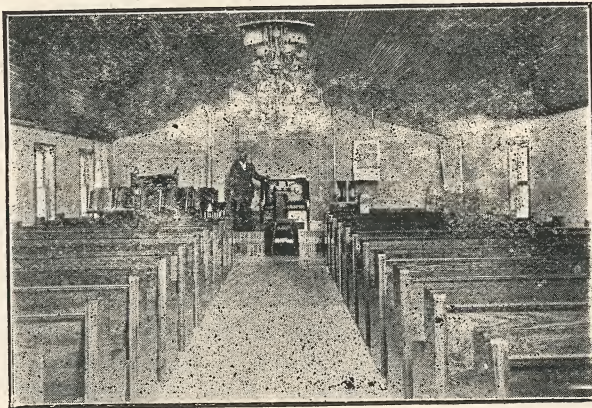


1862. His opportunities to accept an education in the common only opportunity that Mr. Rhoden had to accept any literary training twelve he was compelled to leave school to assist in the care of his father. About this time his father died. He came to the city, during this time the family was on a farm a few miles from the city, better known as a tavern, as dish washer, and was later given a position in the dining room, instructed that the first opportunity he noted his actions in the dining room, he was promoted to the position of a waiter in that capacity up to 1884. Mr. Rhoden then left the state and came to the Pullman Co. for a position on one of their sleeping cars as a porter. He was transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio, and the request was granted. In Knoxville, Tenn, he met a young lady by the name of Miss Mamie Inman, a man and wife, and lived happily for five years. During these years, his wife died at her residence, 753 Chateau Ave., Prince Hill

His little daughter, Annie C. Rhoden, and the 18th April, 1900, his daughter, Alton R.R. which he held to March 1904. He then entered the business of embalming. He opened an Undertaking Parlor, and since he has slowly, but continuously gained the respect and admiration of all. He is the possessor of a first class ambulance. Motto: The Best Service. Call night or day. Springfield, Ill.

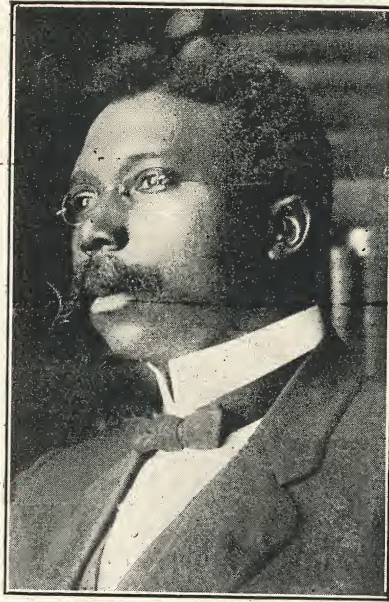


Miss Blanche Hoagland, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Hoagland, who has been with him since the origin of the business as his private Sec'y. and book keeper and is almost an indispensable asset to the success of the business. Miss Hoagland is a graduate of the Bloomington High School and and of the most energetic young women of McLean county, a very congenial and off-able young lady and very popular in the social realms.



Interior of 3rd Christian Church, Bloomington, Ill, Elder Geo. Hoagland, Pastor.

Mr. Hoagland is a great admirer of the church edifice—a valuable piece of property heavily insured. Mr. Hoagland is doing probably more for his people than any other man in Central Illinois. He is working from 12 to 15 persons regularly in the factory. He has purchased homes for several of his employes, allowing them to pay him back on easy payments with out interest charges. He contributed largely to charity last year, the total amount given to various charitable purposes amounted to about \$1200.



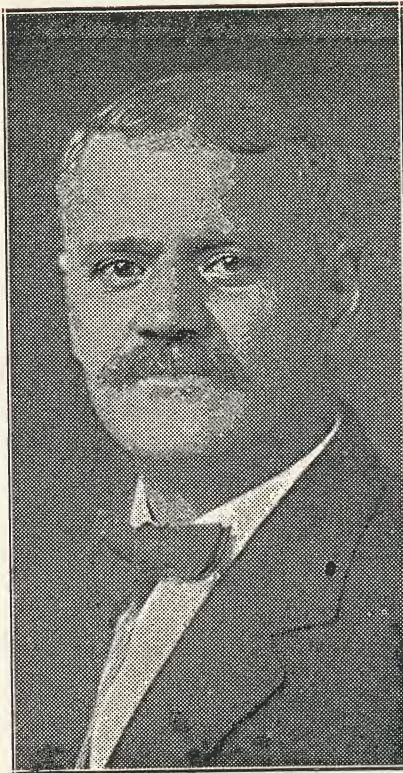
Doctor Eugene G. Covington of Bloomington, Ill. a product of Howard University, Washington, D. C. Graduated May 12, '99 as president of his class. During his senior year he had the distinction of being an Interne and assistant demonstrator in anatomy at Freedmans Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Covington located in Bloomington, Ill. Sept. 30, 1900, since which time he has a membership in the McLean County Medical Assoc., Ill State Medical Assoc., American Medical Assoc., Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, late Asst. Surgeon on regimental staff 8th Infantry, I.N.G., President of Business Men's League of Bloomington, Ill.

Was united in marriage, Sept. 10, 1902 to Miss Alice A. Lewis of Oswego, N.Y. To this union were born two sons, Girard H., 8 years, Eugene G., 2 years.

The Doctor enjoys a very large practice and is of the advance progressive type, always searching for the latest and most modern treatment of his chosen profession. He resides in one of his properties in a very fashionable portion of the city with his happy family consisting of his mother, wife and two little sons.

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Elder George Hoagland
Bloomington, Ill.

The autobiography of this well known man can best be expressed in his own language.

"Geo. Hoagland was born in Sheppardsville, Bullitt Co., Ky., in 1863. Mother and nncle was sold for a mortgage of \$1800. Several children of us were raised without a home. From the time of my birth up to 25 years of age, my pathway was very unpleasant, but succeeded in keeping myself out of the hands of the officers. At this time I married in Berea, Ky. My wife was of the high moral type but I did not know one letter from another. We moved to Normal, Ill. between the age of 23 and 25;

Normal being a school town, I immediately caught the disease, bnt owing to the increase in my family, the symptoms dropped one by one.

The first symptom was that of school teacher, the second, a lawyer and the third never cropped out. During this struggle there was born in our home 8 children. I became exceedingly interested in the Apostolic religion during this period and joined the Christian church. I carried my religion along on a level with all my other efforts and in many cases, ahead. I attribute my entire success to the teachings of the apostles or the Spirit of the New Testament.

Today I am connected with the business known as the "Oil of Gladness", and am doing a business all over the U. S. and England. Our output from March 1911 to the close of the year was \$101,396.32: In the meantime I have preached the Gospel twice on every Lord's day, and put as much in the contribution basket as the other fellow and some times more, fed the sick, buried the dead, married the unfortunate as well as the fortunate and am standing on the hill looking for something else to do.

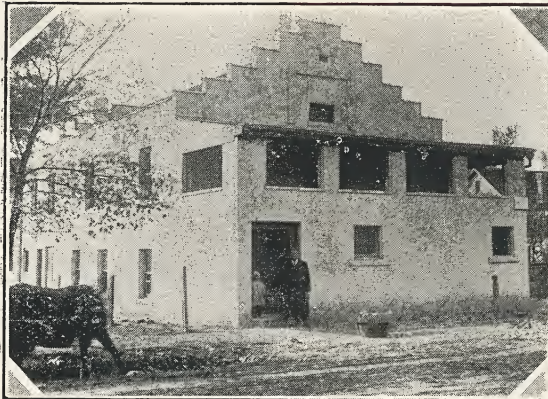
In this connection we would add that Mr. Hoagland is among the leading men of Illinois, commanding the respect of leading men of the state, as that of the most humble citizen. He is a thorough business man and christian gentleman. His property holdings are valued at more than \$15000 and are heavily insured in old line companies.

Mr. Hoagland is a man of genial and charitable disposition. and has a most estimable family.

Property of Elder George Hoagland



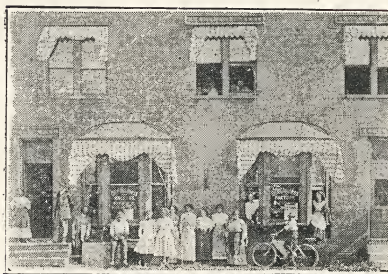
Home and Family



COLORED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

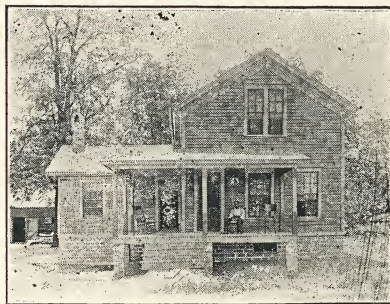
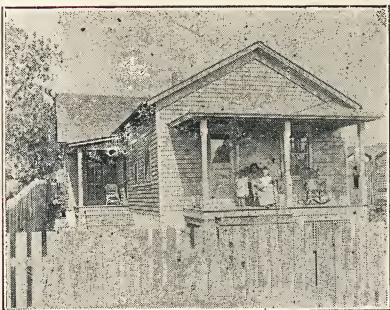
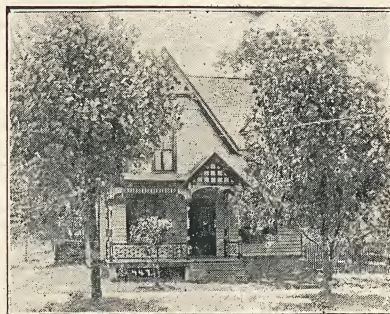
Out of all his Real Estate, the above Church is the Pride of his heart. It was built and largely contributed to by him.

*"Oil of Gladness"
Factory*



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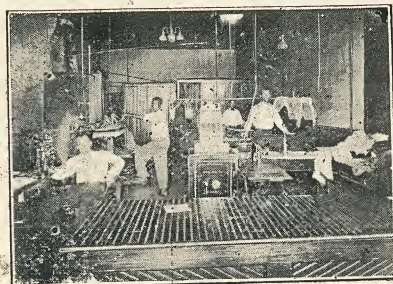
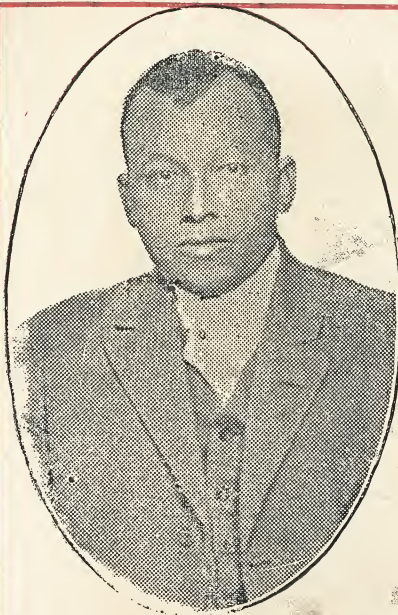
*Colored Masonic Temple, Springfield, Ill.
Erected by Central Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M.,*



The Mallory Brothers, of Jacksonville, Ill.

These young men won an international reputation while on the Stage touring America and Europe, and are now engaged in general merchandise business at their home, and have build by using judicious business tact, one of the most thriving businesses in the city.

They own valuable personal and real property and are among the leading business men of central Illinois.



Casey Bros., Bloomington's Leading Cleaners.

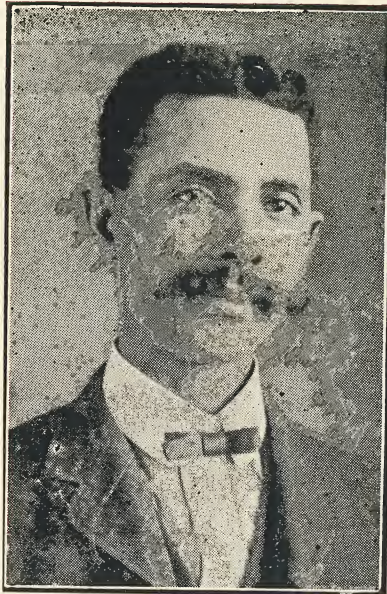
Mr. Wiley Casey, the subject of this article, is indeed a young man worthy of note and emulation. He is the proprietor of Casey Bros. Dyeing and Cleaning establishment, the largest and most complete plant to our knowledge owned by a colored man or firm, in this country. He was born in Dawson Terrell county Ga., and was reared on a farm. Leaving the farm when he was 16 years of age he began to hustle for himself.

He began business as a bootblack and by steady advances controls the largest business of its kind in the country. He is a comparatively young man, being 29 years of age.

The building occupies, at 610 North Main Street near the heart of the city a space 20 feet by 120 feet. His machinery is of the latest models of improved patents, consisting of a washer to extract the dirt and an apparatus to extricate the grease, then it goes through another process, all worked by steam. The plant is complete; arrangements for dyeing and fast drying are all very fine. The plant complete is valued at \$4000.

Mr. Casey has a large trade, mostly white and the best people of Bloomington. He runs a wagon and automobile delivery and employs six people. Mr. Casey's brother has been associated with him since the business began.

We went through the the establishment and found every one busy. He commands the respect and retains the confidence of the entire community. Such men should appeal to our young men and women to prepare for the future—great business avenues are opening. When in Bloomington, don't fail to call on Casey Bros., 610 North Main Street.



James B. Osby, Springfield Illinois, Office 522 1-2 East Adams Street.

Mr. Osby is engaged in real estate and has been for several years, and if you contemplate on buying realestate, a home or an investment, see him before you buy or contract to build. His ability in giving you the values has never been questioned not even by the most experienced realestate men or bankers of this city in which he lives. Now there is one thing I always insist on, and that is, save your money but don't put it in some little bank or big one either for some one else to get rich off of when you had just as well get 100 per cent on the dollar for every dollar you have as to get a promise of the small sum of 3 per cent. But the way to save and make money is to buy land some where while it is cheap because it will all be worth more money and that soon. Now if you have money in the bank and see a chance to make a good investment dont tell everybody your business nor the banker either, because the banker will want to use it at your expense because you pay the taxes. They may need some of it when they get in a pinch. See Osby for bargains as he owns property in Minn., Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin and Illinois, and has never received \$50 from all colored customers combined. So don't be afraid, he is a friend to you and your pocket book.



Harry A. Donaldson was born 1887 at Quincy, Ill. He received his educational training in the public schools of Springfield, graduating from the Springfield High School in 1907, and is member of the '14 class of Jenner Medical College, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Donaldson has been the junior member of the firm of R. S. Donaldson and Son, for the past five years and is an expert in oil, water color and fresco paint renovating.

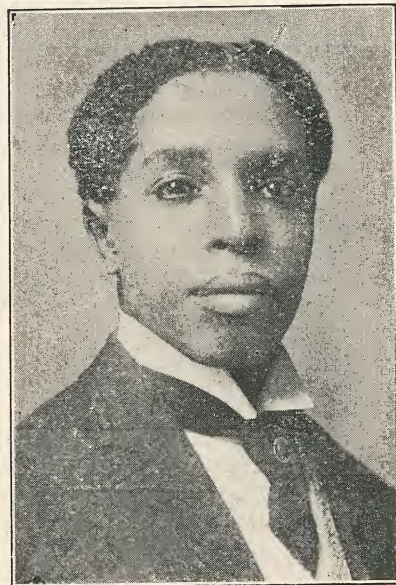
He is past Keeper of Records and Seal of Battle Ax Lodge No. 47, K. of Chicago; President of the Research and Study Club of Springfield and at one time was connected with the Hospital Corps of the 8th Inf., I.N.G.

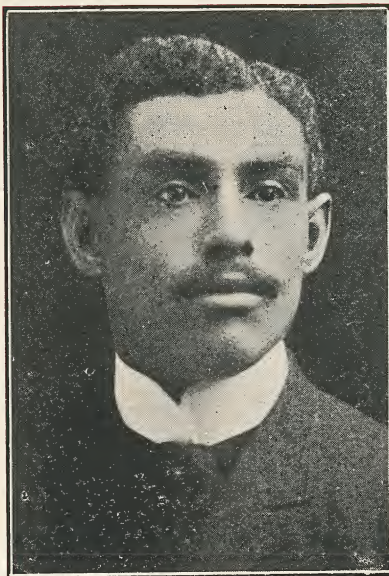
Mr. Donaldson is a popular, self made young man and was recently appointed messenger in the office of the Civil Service Commission at the State House.

Mr. Clarence Leggins is employed in the State House under the Sec'y. of State and has made a record for efficiency in that office.

Coming to Springfield a total stranger, he has gradually won the friendship of those with whom he came in contact and today commands the respect of all who know him.

He has an elegant home on East Jackson Street.





L. W. Hubbard, Grocer

The record of L. W. Hubbard is one of inspiration to the struggling Negro business man. Mr. Hubbard was born and reared in Springfield and received his education in the public schools of that city.

He held various jobs in the Woodside Coal mine for eleven years, during which time he held the office of Secretary of his local for seven years, gaining the confidence and esteem of the entire membership of his union. His services were so appreciated during his term that when his tenure of office expired and his resignation was offered it was positively refused, but after stating to the local of his intentions of going into business, they accepted his resignation with a rising vote of thanks.

Mr. Hubbard started in the Grocery business March 17, 1909, during this time in business, by courteous treatment and fair dealing, he has established an enormous trade among both white and colored people. His place of business is located in a part of the city sparsely settled with colored people, but is largely populated by whites and his popularity is attested by the fact that 95 per cent of his trade is white.

He owns good property in a very desirable residential part of the city and contemplates opening a meat market in connection with the grocery business in the near future.

Mrs. Hubbard, his most estimable wife, is a valuable asset to Mr. Hubbard in the store and a good business woman. Her assistance has materially helped him to climb in the business world. Mr. Hubbard bids fair to complete a business career second to none of his race in the county.

Prof. G. H. L. Nelson

Mr. Nelson, who was reared in Springfield, Ill., comes from one of the oldest and most respected families of the Capital city. His father, Hon. Chas. Nelson, the contractor and "silver tongued" orator, being one of the most noted Negroes of the U. S., having declined appointment by President Cleveland to the post of U.S. Minister to Liberia.

"Link" as he is familiarly called, early evinced exceptional abilities in his studies at school, and his papers on U. S. History twice won Diplomas for Palmer School at the Illinois State Fair in competition with the schools of the entire State.

Upon graduating he became Clerk-Messenger in the office of Hon. Henry Raab, State Supt. of Public Instruction, which place he held four years.

He next was a clerk in the U. S. Treasury Dept. at Washington, D.C., Clerk to the Door-keeper, Illinois Legislature and Ward Master at the Asylum for Insane Criminals at Chester.

Mr. Nelson there married Miss Nannie White, a society belle of this city and one of the best Christian workers here. They moved to Missouri in 1893 where Mr. Nelson took up the profession of teaching in which field his success was remarkable. He was chosen Conductor of Negro Teachers' Institutes for ten years by the State Board of Education and showed his love for his former home by encouraging the colored graduates of Springfield High School to become teachers. He examined, licensed and placed in schools as teachers, Ruth B. Davis, Carrie Badger, Richard Douglass and J. L. Wilson of our city.

He was elected President of South West Missouri Colored Teachers Ass'n. in 1896 and in 1897. In 1898 Gov. Lon V. Stephens, of Missouri, appointed Mr. Nelson a member of the Board of Commissioners from Missouri to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Neb., where he served on the Educational and Horticultural committees.

His address delivered before the Commercial Club of St. Joseph, Mo. won high press comment and he received the "thanks" of the Missouri Commission conveyed by Prest. R. H. Jesse of Missouri State University.

Mr. Nelson was U. S. Customs Inspector at the World's Fair, St. Louis 1904, and was awarded a Diploma of Honor and a Bronze Medal by the Philippines Commission, of record in the War Dept., at Washington.

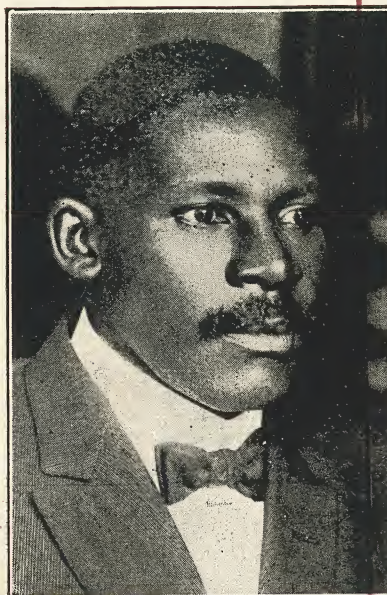
He was associated in Institute work with Dr. W. T. Vernon, late Register of Treasury, a relative of Mr. Nelson's wife, now deceased. Delegate to Negro Educational Conferences at St. Louis and Denver, Colo.

Mr. Nelson is author of three Dramas; "Dorritt, the Unknown", played in Central Illinois by the famous Arnett Dramatic Club, "Unto The Bitter End" and "Saved by a Child", both sold to a New York Dramatic Agency.

He married Miss Eolia Pierson of Webster in 1905. He returned to Springfield in 1910 and took up literary work, being one of the brainy lights of the Culture Club.

Mr. Nelson is intensely democratic in manner and association and direct in speech and his writings are characterized by the style and purity of his English.

He still owns a home and one acre of ground three blocks from the Court House at Hartville, Mo., selling his houses at Greenfield, Marshfield and Pacific, Mo.





Col. W. T. Scott, of Springfield, Ill., subject of this sketch, was born and reared at Newark, Ohio, in 1846, was educated in the common schools of that city and Cincinnati. He is a self made man and a natural born organizer, having made a national reputation as such.

In 1864 he went to Cairo, Ill. and entered the Naval service as wardrobe steward on the receiving ship Victoria, lying at that port. At the close of the War, he went into business at Cairo as a commission merchant and various other avenues of life, and was very successful.

Mr. Scott became identified in politics and was a great race advocate. In 1882 he entered the journalistic field and launched the Cairo Daily Gazette, and has been a conspicuous figure before the public ever since.

Prominent in Secret Organizations

Mr. Scott is P.P.T. 33rd degree, S. R. Masons, P.G.M. of G.U.O. of O. F., P. I. V.G.M. Knights and Daughters of Tabor, Int. Order of Twelve, P.G.O. United Brothers of Friendship, S.G.C. Knights & Daughters of Protection of America.

Col. W. T. Scott published the first Daily Negro Journal in America, the Cairo Daily Gazette, August 1st 1882, which was conducted two years. He has continued to publish a weekly paper at Chicago, Cairo, East St. Louis and is now publisher and editor of the Springfield Leader of this city.

He was the first and only Negro ever nominated for President of the United States. Nominated by the Negro National Liberty Party, July 7, 1904. 27 States represented by 400 delegates present. Bishop Alexander Walters, J. Milton Turner and Hon. S. H. Mitchell were candidates for the nomination before the same convention, at St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Scott was President of the Nat. Negro Democratic League, organized at Indianapolis, Ind. Aug. 4, 1888; promoter and Grand organizer of the Negro State and National Coalition League, composed of twenty two states, which will vote for Men and Measures in the coming campaign and President of the Negro State Democratic League of Illinois, headquarters at Springfield, Ill.

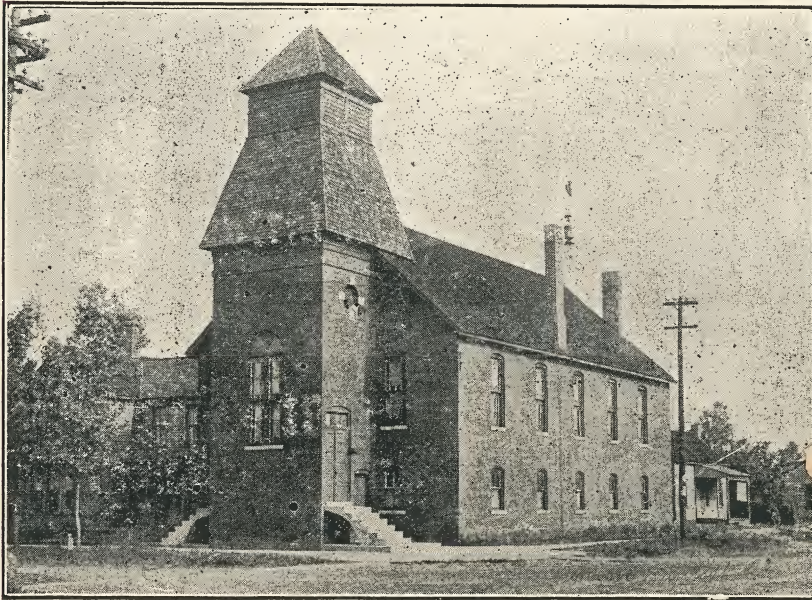
Mrs. M. A. Tucker

Kentucky blood is a pretty sure winner to have in men and women.

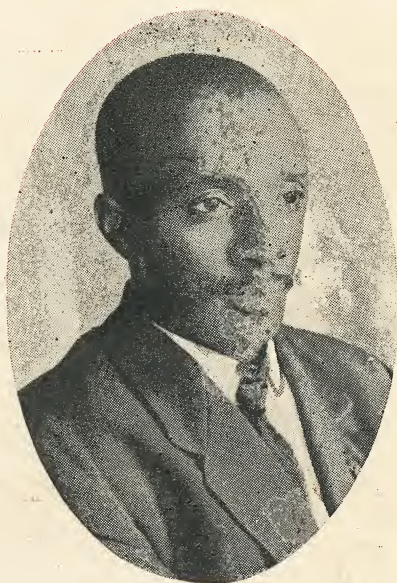
Seven years since the Tucker's bid their old Kentucky Home good bye to try their fortune in the "Sucker State".

They settled in Springfield and have prospered. The tribe of Tuckers number three—all hustlers. Baby Marie has hustled up from babyhood to a bright, useful young lady; is a student of music, sings in the choir and is a Sunday School worker.

Horace Tucker, the head of the tribe is an all around hustler, a genial gentlemen, steady and honest as the day is long. Mrs. M. A. Tucker is the hustler of them all. She is business with the wit and will that succeeds at anything she undertakes. She ran a restaurant which grew into a first class boarding house. She learned the millinery trade and has just moved into the new and modern brick building south of the Enterprise Bank. Latest styles in a great variety. Neatly furnished rooms for rent. Ice Cream Parlor in connection. 109 S. 11th St.



Union Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.



Chas. S. Gibbs

Attorney and Counselor at Law, Springfield, Ill.

A good type of the truly "self made" young man. He is a Tennessean by birth and hails from Knoxville, where he received his early training and education.

He came to Illinois about 15 years ago and engaged in coal mining, being an excellent miner. About nine years ago, the legal fire burned in his breast and he became a member of the "Harlan Law Class."

Mr. Gibbs labored hard and incessantly, completed the course, passed the Bar examination, hung out his shingle and has since been practicing his profession, handling a large percentage of the county trade and 95 per cent of the Negro trade.

He is considered one of the best criminal lawyers, at the Sangamon County Bar; a gifted orator and astute politician, having been called upon in nearly every campaign for the past eight years, to help fight political battles on the stump.

He is congenial, jovial and popular with all classes of both races.



Capt. W. D. Hodge
Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Hodge the young soldier man, enjoys the honor of being one among the best military tacticians of the 8th Regiment Illinois National Guards, and is Captain of Co. H. of that Regiment having been continuously honored with that office since the organization of the full Regiment. He was also Captain of his Co. when it did duty at Cuba in 1898. Mr. Hodge is highly respected by all of his Co. and controls them with ease and with dignity. He is employed as messenger at the State house in the State Game Commissioners' office, where he renders efficient and satisfactory services.

Mr. Thornton Coleman
Painter and Paper Hanger, Springfield, Ill.

One of the best and most reliable men in this line of work: He worked 8 years with the Kimble Paper firm, the leading store of its kind in the city. He has been engaged in business for himself for the past three years. He has been very busy since going for himself and commands a large trade among the best white and colored families, making a specialty at oiling and hard wood finishing work. He is highly respected by all: courteous congenial and reliable. Let him give you his estimates. Res. 1840 So. 17th St. Springfield Illinois Bell Tel. 1848.



Miss P. E. Florville
Springfield, Ill.

Dealer in New and Second Hand Furniture, and Hardware of all kind. Cash or Easy Payments, 802 E. Washington Street.

Miss Florville is a young woman of exceptionable business ability, whose future is very promising. She is energetic and is building a thriving business.



Mr. Frank Rudolph Blacksmith and expert horse shoer, Springfield, Illinois.

Among the young men who are destined to make a mark in life and make themselves known in the business world, is Mr. Frank Rudolph, who has one of the best and most up to date Blacksmith shop in the city. He is a practical horse shoer and blacksmith and besides, is a courteous obliging and polite young man.

They have won the reputation already of being as good if not the best in their trade in the city. Their shop is located at 228 N. 7th St.

